THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is formulating a legislation on biodiversity. The Broad objectives of this proposed legislation are conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the use of biological resources. This legislation, *inter alia*, provides for setting up of a National Biodiversity Authority. Further action for finalising the legislation at the earliest is underway.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation if formulating a legislation on a Sui generis system for Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights. In this legislation, there is a provision for setting up a Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority.

Spread of Brain-Fever, Kala-azar and Malaria

1730. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the incidence of brain fever, Kala-azar and Malaria in several States in the country;

(b) if so, the States where such incidents have taken place;

(c) the number of people killed during this year due to such fevers; and

(d) the details of steps taken to provide proper treatment to people suffering from these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Whereas there is a decline in Kala-azar cases, increased incidence of Japanese Encephalitis (J.E.) (Brain fever) has been recorded from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Manipur Karnataka and U.P. Similarly, rising trend of Malaria has been reported from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, West Bengal and U.T. of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) As per reports received from the State Health Authorities, the number of deaths due to Brain fever, Kala-azar and Malaria recorded during the current year are as follow:—

Disease	Deaths (Prov.)
Brain fever	528
Kala-azar	244
Malaria	478

(d) The following steps are being taken for treatment of people suffering from Brain fever, Kala-azar and Malaria:—

J.E. There is no specific anti viral drug for treatment J.E. virus. Symptomatic treatment is provided in J.E. cases.
KALA-AZAR Under the Kala-azar control programme, adequate quantities of Anti-Kala-azar drugs namely Sodium Stibogluconate and Pentamidine Isethionate injections are provided as part of Central Assistance.

MALARIA Under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP), sufficient quantities of Anti Malarias namely Cloroquine, Primaquine, Sulphadozine Pyramathamine Combination tablets, Quinine injections etc. are being provided to the State/UT.s Govts. for treatment of Malaria cases.

Adequate medical facilities for treatment of cases due to these diseases are available all over the country through Primary Health Care System. The drugs are available to the patient free to cost.

Management of Waste by Hospitals

1731. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that waste-management situation in a majority of hospitals in the capital is alarming as per recent report submitted by the Central Pollution Control Board;